

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 - 42. (Cancelled).

43. (New) A hydroforming apparatus comprising:

    a ram adapted to support a first section of a first die thereon;

    a base adapted to support a first section of a second die thereon;

    an intermediate platen located between said ram and said base and adapted to support a second section of the first die and a second section of the second die thereon, said intermediate platen being movable relative to said ram between a closed position and an opened position and being movable relative to said base between a closed position and an opened position;

    an actuator extending between said ram and said intermediate platen for selectively positioning said intermediate platen in said closed and opened positions relative to said ram; and

    a pin extending between said ram and said intermediate platen for selectively positioning said intermediate platen in said closed and opened positions relative to said base.

44. (New) The hydroforming apparatus defined in Claim 43 wherein intermediate platen has an opening formed therethrough, and wherein said pin extends through said opening.

45. (New) The hydroforming apparatus defined in Claim 44 wherein said pin has a head that is located between said intermediate platen and said base.

46. (New) The hydroforming apparatus defined in Claim 45 wherein said head is larger than said opening formed through said intermediate platen.

47. (New) The hydroforming apparatus defined in Claim 45 wherein said base has an opening formed therein that is sized to receive said head of said pin therein.